



a groundbreaking document and achievement of the international community. Nevertheless, the population and development agenda needs to take into consideration the changing circumstances and processes and be moved forward to improve the international standards and move towards better understanding of the reproductive rights issues as the Montevideo consensus did. The Federation calls upon the states to take this approach in the ICPD beyond 2014 agenda. As it has been clearly agreed on “*unsafe abortions are a threat to the health of women*” and their impact on women's health has to be seen as “*a major public health concern*”. We recommend, at a minimum, to acknowledge and recognize the factual scale of clandestine abortions in order to define its results and impact on women's health. Moreover, a chilling effect that penalization of illegal abortion services has on access to legal procedures also has to be taken into consideration and states with such provisions should consider amending their laws. Moreover, when these issues are properly recognized and compared with experience of countries in which abortion is legal, it will become more and more clear that legalization of abortion is a good practice.

Additionally, access to abortion needs to be approached in a proactive manner. It cannot be limited to the international documents based on consensus between the states but also take into consideration the outcome of different international human rights mechanisms which include the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies (such as CEDAW Committee and CAT Committee) and the Human Rights Council. The call for decriminalization of reproductive health services as a measure to raise the standard of women's rights has been clearly emphasized within the framework of these mechanisms. In the Federation's opinion that is the direction the international agreement should point towards in the beyond 2014 ICPD agenda. The only way to avoid the negative health and social consequences of clandestine abortions is to make aborte prod788(C)-860221(c788(9.66653(n)-0.960221(d)-0.96b)-0.96653(t)0.86914)-0.960221(u)-0.921